

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE AS DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE

Applicants:

Alan D. Adams, et al.

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10/522,114

Case No.: 20919YP

Art Unit: 1624

U. S. National

Phase File Date:

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For:

THERAPUTIC COMPOUNDS FOR TREATING

DYSLIPIDEMIC CONDITIONS

Examiner: Bruck Kifle

Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 AFTER FINAL ACTION

Dear Sirs:

This is sent in response to the Final Office Action dated March 10, 2006. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Communication.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this Communication.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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